

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragprah beginning on page 8, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:**

In step 204, determine whether there has been a change in  $V(i,j,M_k I_k)$ . In steps 205 and 206, compute all  $W(i,j,I_k)$  (weighted average) not computed so far and set  $W(i,j,I_k) = W(i,j,I_{k-1})$  if  $W(i,j,I_k)$  is not computed again (i.e., when  $k=1$ , one computes them all, and for  $k>1$ , one computes those which have been modified at the previous iteration).